

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gas saving tips suggested

Record High Gas prices got you down? Do something about it!

Industry analysts say our record high gas prices are likely to climb even higher and every one is either driving around in circles to find the lowest price or just griping about them. But, according to experts, extra miles can be squeezed out of every fill-up if drivers followed a few simple rules.

"The way to save money is in every driver's hands, and sometimes feet," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for national auto insurer, Response Insurance. "Everything comes down to two basic categories of advice," explained Palermo, "car care and driving habits." He offered drivers a few pieces of advice.

Lighten the car's load by removing all unnecessary items

from the trunk, such as the bag of sand and shovel from the winter. Every 200 pounds of weight reduces gas efficiency by one mile per gallon. If you have to carry a lot of baggage, avoid using a roof-top container, which will increase the air drag.

If you drive a pick-up truck, the open bed will have the same impact, so put a cover on it. Incorrectly inflated tires decrease fuel efficiency. Check vehicle and tire manufacturer for proper inflation.

Don't turn on the air conditioner as a first response to the heat. Start your drive off with the windows open to exhaust the hot air out of the rear windows and then put on the A/C if needed. This will also enable the air conditioning to work faster and more efficiently when turned on.

Smooth out your driving

style by avoiding "jack rabbit" starts and sharp braking. Both expend gas and can present a hazard for others on the road.

It's estimated that every mile per hour driven above 55 MPH costs 1% in fuel economy. So, slowing down can be both safe and fuel-efficient. Maintaining a constant speed also maximizes your car's performance. If road conditions permit, use your car's cruise control.

Traveling at a fast speed in a low gear wastes gas.

Accelerate a little as you approach a hill, rather than hitting the gas and switching gears once on the incline.

A free brochure, Improving Your Gas Mileage - 10 Tips To Save You Money at the Gas Pump, is available by calling 1-800-610-5928 or at their website: www.response.com

Smooth out your driving



APPROXIMATELY THIRTY volunteers at New Hope Senior Center were honored with an Appreciation Dinner Saturday, Aug. 6th at 5:30 p.m. The dinner was hosted by Director Gail Stewart. The festive atmosphere was reflected by the Italian decor, food and music. Everyone enjoyed this delightful evening.

Free Seminar at Troy University examines the Vietnam War

Gain a deeper understanding of the Vietnam War at Troy University. Wednesday, August 17, the Senior World Group of Dothan will host a free educational seminar titled "The Historical Perspective of the Vietnam War." The seminar begins at 9:00 a.m. in Adams Hall on the Dothan Campus.

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Special Warfare. Serving two tours of duty in Vietnam, Williams participated in numerous risky rescue missions, and was temporarily declared Missing in Action (MIA) on one of those missions.

To register, or for more information, contact the Continuing Education Center on the Dothan Campus at 334-983-0005.

Elba Elementary School Menu

August 22 - 26, 2005

BREAKFAST

Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/ Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Pop Tart, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Wednesday - Chili w/ Beans, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Burrito w/ Cheese, Rice, Green Salad, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Jello, Milk



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6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
New Testament Theology, TH 296
taught by Dr. Tony Dye
7:40 - 8:40 P.M.
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Elba City Council approves new city logo

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council adopted a new city logo Monday night. The new logo had been proposed to the council several weeks ago by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. It contains a slogan of "Tradition With Vision".

The vote was unanimous but most council members were very slow in casting ballots, indicating some reservations. However there was no open discussion on the issue.

Mayor James Grimes reported he had received written approval of a CDBG \$500,000 sewer improvement project. The sewers on Martin Luther King Drive, Moore, Adkinson, Kendrick Mullins and Farris streets will see the upgrade. Elba will provide \$77,050 of the half million dollar project.

Police Chief Freddy Hancey told council members that business has been routine for the past two weeks. He added that in response to complaints of citizens, citations have been issued to clean up two separate premises. Hancey was optimistic this would solve the problem.

Mayor Grimes told council members that income for the first nine months was up slightly but so were expenses. He added that some of the elevated expenses could be attributed to the early payment of one time expenses, which would even out by year-end.

The council also approved a resolution, requested by the Coffee County Emergency Management, endorsing the implementation of the National Incident Management System, scheduled to go into effect in

2007.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham explained to council members that virtually all the vehicles in the Recreation Department were "hand-me-downs". He said time after time they are causing lots of trouble and delays due to mechanical problems.

The clerk explained he has found a state surplus vehicle (1/2 ton truck) that is "in real good shape" and can be purchased at a reasonable price. He wanted permission to purchase this vehicle and take another one off the road because it is "real dangerous".

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Grantham also reported that the contractor was back in town this week to hopefully make the needed repairs on storm drains in several parts of town. These were damaged during a recent resurfacing project.

Council members were also told by the clerk that the remains of the house behind the motel have been removed and crews are now working on the remains from the old school wing. When this project is completed, the crews will begin

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With attorney general's opinion in favor

Commission votes to enter lease agreement with City of Enterprise

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Approximately two months ago, the Coffee County Commission voted to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Enterprise regarding the city's new multi-purpose center. The facility will serve as a senior center/multi-purpose center, and Boswell said he feels it will benefit the entire county.

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Boswell said he believes it will cost approximately \$1.5 million to construct this portion of the facility.

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asked if the lease proposal contained a clause that would allow the county to withdraw from the agreement if certain circumstances arise.

The attorney, Joe Cassidy Sr., said Westbrook was referring to an escape clause, and he said the resolution in question did not include an escape clause.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks offered a motion with a second from Commissioner Tom Grimley to pass the resolution as presented allowing the county to enter into the lease agreement with the City of Enterprise.

Commissioner Westbrook again asked if the commission should consider adding an escape clause.

Cassidy said the commission would have to agree on exactly what circumstances would allow withdrawal and have those circumstances stated in the lease agreement.

With a second from

Commissioner Stephens, Westbrook offered a motion to table the matter until commissioners had time to discuss an escape clause with Cassidy. This motion failed to pass with only Westbrook and Stephens voting in favor of the tabling.

The original motion then came to vote, and it passed by a 5-2 vote with Westbrook and Stephens this time casting the only opposing votes.

Later in the meeting, Westbrook said she brought up

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Coffee County BOE approves Fiscal Year 2006 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Thursday, Aug. 11, board members approved the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

The approval of the budget



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR Lynn Weeks (center) discusses class scheduling with students. Weeks works closely with the students at Elba High hoping to get each student in his/her best suited classes. She is shown with (from left) Chafin Johnson, Juan Starks, Jacob Forbes, Wade Kindred and Nick Nelson.

came after board members completed the second of two required public hearings.

The proposed budget featured \$15,187,563 in total revenues and \$16,439,131 in total expenditures.

The revenues included \$10,371,494 in state revenue, \$1,710,279 in federal revenue, \$3,084,630 in local revenue and \$21,160 from other sources. The expenditures featured \$8,239,592 for instructional services, \$2,229,139 for instructional support services, \$1,485,826 for operation and maintenance, \$2,091,448 for auxiliary services, \$744,122 for general administrative services, \$1,169,422 for capital outlay, \$293,923 for debt services and \$185,659 for other expenditures.

Also included was \$94,058 in total other fund sources (uses). The excess revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other fund uses was \$1,157,510.

The beginning fund balance for Oct. 1 equals \$4,770,271 with an ending fund balance on Sept. 30 at \$3,612,761.

During the special meeting, superintendent Dr. Linda

Ingram said she was happy to report that numbers for enrollment for the new school year seemed to be an increase over the numbers from the previous year.

On the meeting day, she said Kinston Schools reported an enrollment at 490 students. New Brockton Elementary reported 384 students. New Brockton High reported 278 students and Zion Chapel Schools reported 726 students enrolled.

Board members also approved a few personnel matters recommended by Ingram. These included:

* Accept the resignation of Bernadette Smith as kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel School;

* Transfer Cheryl Grissitt from her position as fourth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School to kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel School;

* Employ Tammy Rogers as fourth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School;

* Employ Kathy Wambles as Child Nutrition Program lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel School.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Congressman Terry Everett, was released Monday from Flowers Hospital in Dothan after having been hospitalized for a week to treat lower back pain. He is now at home but plans to return to Washington before the House of Representatives goes back into session on September 6th. He probably doesn't want to hear this, but such pains are... well they are more common with those of us who are in the "later middle age" group. We sincerely hope his hospital stay was productive.

The bankruptcy court sale of Dorsey Trailers was delayed last week for a week. Well on Tuesday of this week the Montgomery judge officially turned down the reduced offer of \$1.6 million. What this means is anyone's guess. It could mean a white knight comes forward with a higher bid - but right now that bidder appears to be only a ghost, not having surfaced at all before today. It could mean that the rejected bidder hikes his bid to an amount acceptable by the court, the company and the secured creditors. However it could also mean the bankruptcy courts will soon tire of these repeated delays, postponements, etc. and throw the whole matter into that next level of bankruptcy and the assets will then be sold piece meal and probably at fire sale prices. Cross your fingers that hopefully the issues in this bankruptcy case will be settled soon, and if at all possible, as a win-win situation for all.

It was great to read about the approval of a grant to upgrade some more of Elba's septic sewer system. A lot of the network is very old and just plain rotten. Another high percentage is a part of that major sewer project of the 1960s that has been plagued with problems since construction got underway. Once that part was finally completed (with a second contractor) the short sections of pipe started shifting, causing the joints to leak (sewage leaking out and sand seeping into the system). This combination problem has continued for some 40 years. The leaks caused cave-ins, the sand has eaten away at pumps, and filled the lagoon. We probably don't want to know everything that has happened in the sewer network during the past 40 years. It is truly a case of ignorance is bliss.

Regular readers should enjoy reading the new serial, beginning in this week's issue of The Elba Clipper. It is nine weeks long and according to the author, our own Linda Hodge, it has a family/football theme.

On a very personal note, our family never does anything the easy way. This is holding true as siblings and yours truly try to plan a "smooth" family reunion. The annual event gets postponed about as much as it happens since Mother is not around to organize and referee. Last year it was Hurricane Ivan. This year it just might be - how is a nice way to say "us". Efforts are underway to plan everything, down to the various dressing on the salads at the different meals - for three days. It will be more than a small miracle if the six siblings, spouses, children and children's children are still smiling and hugging necks when the awesome event is over and we check out of those resort facilities.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 15, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, five for theft, 21 property, one death, one domestic disturbance, one drug service, two for forgery, one harassing communications, two for harassment, one family dispute, one dog bite, one criminal mischief, one vehicle fire, one lost property, one breaking and entering of a vehicle, one domestic dispute, four for domestic violence, one receiving stolen property and one possession of a controlled substance.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for forgery, one for sodomy, one for rape, two for domestic violence and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for a revoked driver's license, five for speeding, one for no driver's license, one for no insurance, one for no child restraint, three for not wearing a seat belt, four for a suspended driver's license, three for no proof of insurance, one for an expired tag, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and two for violation of a city ordinance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, AUGUST 15 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a residence on Hwy. 87 (5:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the residence on Hwy. 87 (5:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 446 (6:14 a.m.); River stage - 8.57 feet (8:50 a.m.); Burglary (not in

progress) reported at 1849 Martin Luther King Dr. (10:10 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 419 County Rd. - 867 (6:37 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Mulberry Park (11:29 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 - River stage - 11.93 feet (7:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to wreck on Hwy. 125 (9:44 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 125 (9:46 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 732 Lee St. (9:08 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at Westside Baptist Church on Caroline St. (2:38 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to an accident on County Rd. 215 (9:11 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 493 County Rd. 407 (6:16 a.m.); Burglary (vehicle) reported at 14602 Hwy. 87 S. (3:04 p.m.); Burglary (bike) reported at 1623 Caroline St. (4:32 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 158 Private Rd. (5:27 p.m.).

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Dear Editor:

Beyond immediate family members and friends, it is not likely that many people will be aware of the recent passing of Harvey Jefferson Locklar at his modest country home outside of Elba, Ala. He has joined his wonderful wife, Lois, of 70+ years, who also passed earlier in the year, and left behind an admiring son and daughter and their families. But more... much more than that, he left behind literally thousands of lives that had been touched and molded and directed by his lifelong dedication to education and the building of character. He was the epitome of a Hero and his story deserves to be heard.

My first contact with Harvey (we always called him "Mister Locklar") came in 1957 as I entered the 3rd grade at Goodman Junior High School - one of the little grade 1-9 county schools which served agricultural communities in the peach farming region of south Alabama. Mr. Locklar was the principal of our little school and he ran the place with the skill and fineness of a surgeon and stretched a dollar tighter than a retiree on fixed income. Despite the fact that our little school received only a tiny fraction of the funding schools receive today, the students at Goodman Junior High never suffered because Mr. Locklar wouldn't allow lack of money to become an obstacle. For example, Mr. Locklar built a pigpen on the school property and "slopped" the hogs with lunchroom leftovers. Once the pigs were marketable, he then sold them and used the money to subsidize his budget. This allowed him to purchase the little things which meant so much to the students.

Domestic disturbance reported at 1165 Pine Circle (6:06 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Mulberry Park (11:29 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 - River stage - 9.16 feet (7:30 a.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 240 Richardson St. (8:49 a.m.); Subject with gun reported on Jackson St. (11:09 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 - Domestic disturbance reported at 165 Lindsay St. (12:04 a.m.); River stage - 9.16 feet (7:00 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Simmons St. (8:12 p.m.).

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side of W. Davis St. - Maple Street Classroom

things like basketballs, baseballs, bats, better food, encyclopedias, furniture, gas for bus trips to compete with other small schools, 4-H club projects, and probably many other things I was never aware of.

As an administrator, Mr. Locklar was without peer: he ran the school with 8 teachers, on janitor, and a small lunchroom staff. In the 6 years I spent there, I don't believe there was any turnover staff. In addition to his duties as a principal, Mr. Locklar also taught all junior high math courses and coached the baseball and basketball teams. He was as dedicated a man as I'll probably ever know and there's no doubt he touched and affected many lives.

The school was closed down in the mid 70's and the old the old schoolhouse burned several years ago, but in my minds eye I can still see Mr. Locklar sitting behind his desk in the pine paneled office which nestled between the elementary school and the junior high wing. There was never any doubt that he was in complete charge and the absolute last thing you wanted was to be sent to his office for discipline with his infamous "board of education" - a long slim hickory paddle which Mr. Locklar weighed masterfully. In my six years, I tasted the paddle but once... and once was enough for me. We had no discipline problems in those wonderful years. And we loved our teachers who gave so much of themselves for our benefit. It was a wonderful time to be an American.

I graduated from Goodman school 1963 and along with my 13 classmates, looked forward to the experience of entering a large high school in the neighboring town. We were becoming children of the 60's and Goodman Junior High was fast fading from our thoughts. College and Viet Nam and love affairs were on the horizon, and it was easy to forget Mr. Locklar and his school. But how different life might have

been without his influence. Now, some 42 years later I can fully appreciate Mr. Locklar's impact on my life and acknowledge him as a real hero. Goodbye Harvey, we will miss you. Sincerely, Terry M. Thompson Atlanta, Ga.

Brother Ferrin: The Grandfather of THE grandest Grand kids can only stand so much, and you, Sir, have crossed the line. The good citizens of Elba should be entitled to objectivity, fairness, and honesty from the publisher of the newspaper and from the pulpit of the Methodist Church. You and Brother Stanley cannot be allowed to use your bully unchallenged in a matter of this great importance.

Now I've seen the Grandchildren in question and there is no doubt that all are well above average and from good stock. Thank goodness there was never any doubt that he was in complete charge and the absolute last thing you wanted was to be sent to his office for discipline with his infamous "board of education" - a long slim hickory paddle which Mr. Locklar weighed masterfully. In my six years, I tasted the paddle but once... and once was enough for me. We had no discipline problems in those wonderful years. And we loved our teachers who gave so much of themselves for our benefit. It was a wonderful time to be an American.

I guess when the truth be told, we both have better than we deserve and just need to count our blessings (even if I am more blessed than you). Buddy Shively NOTE: Buddy and I obviously have a running debate on this "major" issue, and he does admittedly have bragging type grandchildren. What he needs to understand is that old adage of me being the guy who buys the ink by the barrel. Enjoy! Ferrin Cox

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Obituaries

EVA MAE SMITH

Mrs. Eva Mae Smith, age 101, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 14, 2005 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Funeral services were held at Shiloh Baptist Church on July 16, 2005 with Rev. Joe Farris and Linda Dawdy officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery, Elba.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis Watson and Louanna Watson; her husband, Samuel Allen Smith; a son, James E. Smith; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters: Merle Danford, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; Lillie Mae Cox, Waynesville, Ga.; one son: Lewis W. Smith, Fort Pierce, Fla.; two brothers: Emmitt Watson and James Watson, both of Haines City, Fla.

AUSTIN KYLE SMITH

Mr. Austin Kyle Smith, age 18, of Jack, Ala., died Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005 in an automobile accident in Jack.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21, 2005 at Hebron Baptist Church with Reverend Rick Hayes and Reverend Chris Barrow officiating. Burial followed in the Hebron Church Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by a son, William David Reeves, and a brother, Jerry Reeves. Survivors include his parents, Alan and Lisa Ammons Smith; his brother: Joshua Byron Smith; his sister: Clara Leanne Smith; his maternal grandparents: Hayes and Ann Ammons; his paternal grandparents: Charles and Gwynette Smith, all of Jack, Ala.; two sons, two uncles and four cousins.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, 2005 at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church with Rev. John W. Padgett officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Mr. Reeves was preceded in death by a son, William David Reeves, and a brother, Jerry Reeves.

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Carmenda Coleman received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Montevallo on August 12, 2005. She graduated from Elba High School in 2001. Carmenda is the daughter of Carman Coleman and Maurice Ellard. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn and Charles Ellard and the late Velma and John Coleman.

Carmenda is a member of TriBeta and The Biological Honor Society. In April 2004 she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She is currently awaiting her results from the Medical College Admission Test/ MCAT. After which, she will be deciding which medical school to attend.



Miss Tillis & Mr. King

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tillis of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Fabreka Laloce to Dr. D.L. King of Hollywood, Fla. (Originally from Nassau, Bahamas).

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Elba High School and a graduate of LBW MacArthur Campus. She has worked in Coffee County and Enterprise City School systems for several years.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. Herbert and Bloneva Johnson of Nassau.

Dr. King served in the U.S. Navy and was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He has obtained his doctorate of divinity and specializes in the field of Apologetics. He is president of Apologetics Research Institute.

A September wedding is planned in Hollywood, Fla. (September 28, 2005).

Zion Chapel Senior Class to hold fund raisers

The Zion Chapel Senior Class is selling certificates for family portraits which come with a mate and frame or buy a certificate for a Ritz package for children ages 3 months to 10 years. This package comes with an 8x10, 2 - 5x7's and 8 wallets. The class also is selling "Proud to be a Rebel" t-shirts. They are raising money for the senior class trip. For more information call Sandra Holloway, home 897-3154 or work 566-8700. Deadline for picture orders is September 1st.



Mr. Dillard & Miss Jinright

Jinright-Dillard to wed

Robert and Jackie Jinright announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Angela Luviane to Joseph Michael Dillard, son of Joe and Kathy Edgar and Perry and Rachel Dillard.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Evie Jinright and the late Laraine Jinright of the Victoria Community, and the late Ideal and Annie Lou Rugg of Jack. She is a 1997 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. She received both her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and her Master of Science in Elementary Education from Troy University. She is currently employed in the

Coffee County school system as a kindergarten teacher.

The future groom is the grandson of Pete and Ruth Johns, Tom and Molly Edgar, Annette Johns and the late Preston Dillard, all of Opp. He is a 1994 graduate of Opp High School and is currently employed at a local food distribution plant in Elba.

The wedding will be an event of October 1st at four o'clock in the afternoon at Zion Chapel Baptist Church. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Elba's Class of '85 searching for classmates to celebrate Homecoming

The Elba High School Class of 1985 is looking for its graduates to help celebrate its 20-year reunion.

Homecoming 2005 is Friday-Saturday, Oct. 13-14, in Elba. Elba will host Wicksburg Friday night at 7 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Plans are being made for the class to ride in the Homecoming parade Friday afternoon, meet before and after the game, and have a Saturday night celebration. Details of the entire weekend will be released in the coming weeks. Right now, we need to know where you are.

For more information, contact Jennifer Farris Amstrong at (334) 735-3300, e-mail Michael Maddox at jmichael@entercom.com, or contact Scott Flowers at (334) 393-2969.

New Brocton Elementary to hold PTO meeting, Monday, August 29th

New Brocton Elementary will have its first PTO meeting Monday, August 29, at 6:30 in the library. New PTO officers will be introduced. Plans and fund raisers for the upcoming school year will be discussed. In order to help parents be involved with school policies and programs, there will be a discussion of the Alabama Reading Initiative. "Helping Your Child Succeed in School," handouts will be distributed to parents. Anyone who attends this meeting can register for a door prize of a 50-dollar bill. The winner will be announced at the end of the meeting. Also the class with the highest attendance will receive and ice cream party. We hope to see all of you next Monday night. Parent involvement makes a huge impact on a child's life.

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LBW Community College announces summer honor students

LBW Community College President Edward Meadows has announced academic honor students for the 2005 Summer Semester. A total of 52 students were named to the President's List and 56 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List. The following students from Coffee County receiving honors are: President's List: Melissa Lynn Bowden, Lynne L. Driscoll, Jason Daniel Pearce, Effie Lavon Rideaux. Dean's List: Amanda Sherree Bailey, Chana Michelle Bimbo, James S. Cain, Christy Renae Eubanks, Angel N. Grace, Kasie Suzanne Kelley, Lenn Ashley Moore, Aimee Lynn Sorrells, Tim A. Whigham, Clara B. Wright.



Mrs. Brad McQueen Murfee

Murfee-McDonald wedding held July 23rd in Starkville Mississippi

Allison Leigh McDonald of Columbus, Ga., and Brad McQueen Murfee of Starkville, Miss., were married July 23, 2005 in Wynbrook Baptist Church in Columbus with Dr. Brad Hicks performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas McDonald of Columbus and the groom's parents are the late Mr. Charles Young Riddle Jr., Mr. Robert Edwin Riddle, Mr. Marcus Cole Smith, and Mr. Michael McKinney Trammell.

A reception at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus followed the ceremony.

The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Eugene McDonald, brother of the bride; Mr. Charles Young Riddle Jr., Mr. Robert Edwin Riddle, Mr. Marcus Cole Smith, and Mr. Michael McKinney Trammell.

A reception at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus followed the ceremony.

Joseph Bentley Long celebrates 6th birthday

Joseph Bentley Long celebrated his sixth birthday party at the Strike Zone in Brunswick Ga. Several friends joined Bentley for an afternoon of bowling and games.

Bentley's parents are Victor and Whitney Long of St. Simons Island, Ga. He has two brothers, John Wise at two years and James Ellis, one year old.

He is the grandson of John Long, Ormond Beach, Fla.; Rona Long, St. Simons Island; Shirley and Robin Earl Morgan, Enterprise; and the late James Joseph Wise, Jr. of Elba.

Bentley's great-grandmothers are Irene Long, Bainbridge, Ga.; Mary Lacey, Red Level, Ala.; and the late Mary Alice Wise of Elba.

Artists & photographers invited to submit work to PHOTO VII

Artists and photographers residing in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee are invited to submit work for PHOTO VII, a competitive exhibition emphasizing photography as an art medium.

Amateur and professional artists and photographers 17 years of age and over are eligible to enter three works produced by traditional and non-traditional photographic techniques. A number of merit and purchase awards will be given. Jurors to be announced. Entry is by submission of original works. Entries are due by September 28.

Entry forms are available by calling the Auburn Arts Assoc. at 334-887-2832, or by writing the Auburn, AL 36830.

The show will be on view in the Art Gallery at the Dempsey Arts Center from October 3 - November 9.

Book signing to be held at Fort Rucker for Nancy Sherman

The public is invited to meet Georgetown University Professor Nancy Sherman, author of "Stoic Warriors: The Ancient Philosophy Behind the Military Mind," at Fort Rucker's Army Aviation Museum gift shop for a book signing to benefit the museum.

Sherman will hold signings on Thurs. Sept. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Fri. Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Books are available for purchase at the gift shop and can be reserved by calling (334) 598-9465.

Mr. Howell & Miss McCall united in holy matrimony on Saturday, June 18

Miss Brittany Marie McCall and Mr. Jonathan Franklin Howell were united in marriage at five o'clock in the afternoon on June 18, 2005, at Westside Baptist Church in Elba, Ala. The Reverend William Douglas Jones, uncle of the bride, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Joseph McCall of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mavis Davis of Elba and the late Mr. Leroy Dalton Davis and the late Mr. and Mrs. L.B. McCall of the Goodman community.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Franklin Howell of Hartford. He is the grandson of Mrs. Josephine Hendrix and the late Mr. J.C. Hendrix and Mrs. Gladys Howell and the late Mr. Seba Howell, all of Hartford.

Wreaths of seeded eucalyptus, white flowers and bows were hung on the front doors of the church. Smaller identical wreaths marked the bride's and groom's family pews. An arrangement of mixed summer flowers accented by a white pillar candle decorated the registry table in the church foyer.

Heather DuBose Smith, cousin of the bride, registered the guests.

The focal point of the sanctuary decorations was a massive colorful arrangement of blue hydrangea, yellow enchantment lilies, alstroemeria lilies, larkspur, and snapdragons placed in the baptismal. A six-foot column stood on each side of the choir loft, holding large arrangements of mixed greenery. Smaller arrangements of greenery were placed in the windows. Single candleholders held pillar candles, and spiral candelabra filled with mixed greens were standing on each side of the church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant formal gown of diamond white duchess satin. The bodice featured a shirred sweetheart neckline with thin straps. Hand-beaded alençon lace adorned the dropped waistline. A full A-line skirt flowed into a chapel-length train. She wore her maternal aunt Judith Davis Brunson's cathedral-length veil featuring

20th Annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival to be held at Niceville

The 29th Annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival, Niceville, Fla. promises a great time for the entire family, with entertainment, the highest quality fine art and home hand-crafts, and a staggering array of food concessions. Lots of hungry mullet fans will consume this humble fish that has played such an important role in both the local economy and in the general nutrition of our culture. This celebration of food and fun will take place on the weekend of October 21-23. Admission is \$5 and children under 12 only \$1!

Terri Clark and Hot Apple Pie will be delighting the crowd at this year's festival on Saturday night. Also performing on Saturday will be Rockapella, a pop musical group.

Performing on Friday and Saturday will be Mustang Sally and the Fish Tank Band. Several local church groups will be performing on Sunday afternoon.

Dread Clamptitt will be performing Sunday afternoon, and The Charlie Daniels Band will close out the festival Sunday evening.

For detailed information on entertainers and other activities, visit www.cityofniceville.org and link to the Mullet Festival.

Not to be missed on the Children's Stage will be an array of clown shows, magic shows, and cartoon characters, which particularly delight the younger set over the three-day festival. Special guest stars on Sunday will be SpongeBob & Patrick. The Mullet Festival is held at the intersection of Highway 85 North and College Boulevard



Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Franklin Howell.

alençon lace edging which had been hand-headed by the bride's mother. She carried a hand-tied nosegay of white roses gracefully wrapped with a white linen handkerchief bonnet, handmade for her at her birth by her maternal grandmother.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Kayron Whitworth Shehee of Bellwood, and Elizabeth Strong of Birmingham served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Erin Tatum Fillers, cousin of the bride, of Mobile; Jennifer Lynn Jeffcoat of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Renae Nicholson Motzenbecker of Miami, Fla.; Adeline Ann Weeks of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Wendy Whitfield Woods of Birmingham. The bride's attendants wore black tea-length gowns featuring an A-line skirt, thin straps, and a self-sash detail at the dropped waist. They carried hand-tied stemmed nosegays of blue hydrangea.

The groom's father served as his best man. Groomsmen were John Gregory Adams of Hartford; Carson Lee Chambers of Atlanta, Ga.; Thomas Leslie Grimsley, Jr., of Dothan; Joseph Todd McCall, brother of the bride, of Hattiesburg, Miss.;

James Gregory Miller of Birmingham; and Kelly Patrick Shubes of Bellwood. The groom and his groomsmen were attired in traditional black tuxedos. The groom chose a white vest and bowtie, accented by a white rose boutonniere. The groomsmen wore black vests and bowties with blue delphinium boutonnieres.

Musicians for the ceremony were pianist Sheila Fuller, trumpeter Bruce Spivey, and soloist Mirenda McCall Tatum, aunt of the bride. Vocal selections included "In This Very Room" and "Only God Could Love You More." Judith Davis Brunson, aunt of the bride, was the soloist.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents and friends of the bride's family were hosts of a reception in the Westside Baptist Church Activities Building. Mrs. Henrietta Gimes directed the wedding and the reception.

The groom's parents entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner at Moseley's Studio in Elba.

Following a trip to Maui and Oahu, Hawaii, the couple now reside in Dothan.

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ESTATE OF FOY NELL H. BROOKS DECEASED PROBATE COURT PC-05-72

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 25th day of July, 2005, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ DeWayne Brooks
Personal Representative
8/11, 18 & 25 pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Jeremiah Delahum McMillen, deceased
Case No. PC-05-78
Letters of Administration on the estate of Jeremiah Delahum McMillen, deceased, having been granted to Michael Hooks and Kristie Hooks on the 11th day of August 2005, by the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael Hooks and Kristie Hooks
as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Jeremiah Delahum McMillen, deceased, by
Nicholas H. Wooten, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 250
Lafayette, AL 36802
8/19, 25 & 9/1 pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Betty Steahnik, Deceased
Case No. PC-05-76
Letters of Administration on the estate of Betty Steahnik, deceased, having been granted to Sabrina Duke, Call Executive of the Estate of Betty Steahnik, deceased, on the 10th day of August 2005, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sabrina Duke, Call Executive of the Estate of Betty Steahnik, Deceased
8/19, 25 & 9/1 chg.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF COFFEE

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2004, Steven Thomas, an unmarried person, did execute and deliver to William A. English, Diane P. English and Lee Alan English, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, and said mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Official Records Book 80A, at Pages 307-308, and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continues at this date, and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 15, 2005, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: Lot No. Twelve (12) of Block "C" of the Pine Cove Subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of the same which is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Miscellaneous Book 8, Page 581, reference to which plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of the description. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

PARCEL TWO: Lot #4, Block C, of Pine Cove Subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book 1, Page 36, reference to the same being made herein in aid of or better description.

PARCEL THREE: Lot #5, Block C, of Pine Cove Subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book 1, Page 36, reference to the same being made herein in aid of or better description.

Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of said Federal Tax Lien, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to said property.

Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, any amounts required to be paid for taxes.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Ron Stallard, Pastor
Elba Church Of God

No fear for Christians

We know we are made up of a body, a spirit and a soul. When we die our body goes back to dust, our spirit goes back to God but what about our soul. I believe there is a heaven and a hell. Our soul can get us taken to heaven or cast to eternal hell. Satan works at getting our soul. On judgment day we will face our just reward. I like the old gospel song, Ain't no Grave going to hold my body down. It is a wonderful thought of someday being reunited with our body spirit and soul to live in eternal happiness. Someone asked me if I thought our body would spring out of the ground and go up to see Jesus? The old body will be changed and we will be given a new one.

1 Cor 15:51-58
51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

This promise is made and God is not slack in His promises. It is a comfort to know our loved ones who have died have faced the last enemy of man kind and will end victoriously. We that are in Christ Jesus also have that promise. To live for God is to live for ever. No more pain no more sorrow. We can look forward to that day when Jesus will return, and he will return. The Bible said he was going to come to earth and he came. It says he will return for us and you can count on it. He will come and take us home to His house, encourage each other and be glad our soul is in the hands of an all merciful God.

Elba Church of God holding revival services this week

The Elba Church of God is holding a Revival Sunday August 21 through Saturday August 27. The speaker will be Jerry Trotter and wife Bonita Trotter. Reverend Trotter has a special anointing that will bring a renewing of the Lord Jesus listeners.

Briar Patch
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Gina Bedsole & Matthew Smith
Shower - 9/18 Wedding - 10/8

New Haven Baptist Church to observe Homecoming Sunday, August 28th

New Haven Baptist Church, located on County Road 410, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 28. Morning Worship and Singing services and lunch.

"Youth Evangelism Conference 2005" to be held at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C.

The "Youth Evangelism Conference 2005" will be held at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. The theme is: The New Generation. Called to Celebrate the King of Glory. Purpose: To seek the face of God. Psalm 24:6 and 1 Peter 2:9. This will be held November 17-19, 2005 at 7 p.m. The conference speakers will be:

Alicia Morris to be in concert at Zion Chapel Baptist Church Sunday August 28th

In concert August 28th at 1:30 p.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be Alicia Morris of Montgomery, Ala. She has opened for the Gaithers. Homecoming and the Crabb Family. The church is located 10 miles north of Elba on Hwy 87 or 20 miles south of Troy. For more information call 334-897-2130.

New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. to celebrate homecoming and hold revival services

New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. will be holding homecoming Sunday, August 28. The theme will be: Continuing to proclaim the gospel in perilous times. (2 Timothy 3:1) The guest speaker will be Pastor Willie Green from the Evangelistic Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. This service will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Annual Usher Day Celebration set for Sunday, August 28 at Johns Chapel AME

The Annual Usher Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Johns Chapel AME Church in Enterprise. The afternoon message will be delivered by the Reverend S. R. Perkins, Pastor of the Stringer Street AME Church in Dothan. Pastor Perkins has served in the following Wiregrass churches in the South Alabama Conference of the AME Church: St. Emmanuel in Eufaula, St. Stephens in Samson, St. Stephens in Opp, the Elba Circuit, Collins Chapel in New Brockton, and Allen Chapel in Skipperville. Reverend Perkins will explore the theme, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16. Reverend Perkins is returning to Johns Chapel, where he preached his first sermon more than a decade ago. The successful business owner is married to the former Vicki Scott, an Enterprise native, and is the grandson of the late Ray Scotters, longtime successful Enterprise businessman. For more information, please call Betty Simmons, Usher Board President, at 347-9288.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 3:17
***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Stoumenier and Smith families, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Grace Simmons, Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Rev. Charles Lane, Gussie Cornelius, Mary E. Hally, Lizzie Tyson
***AUGUST BIRTHDAY: Thom Underwood - August 23 (In Memory Of) Aaron McBride - August 23 (In Memory Of) Angela Coon - August 24, Harold Lee - August 25 (In Memory Of) Alan Belcher - August 26, Leavy Hestwood - August 26, Catherine Burks - August 27

School, Montgomery, Ala. Barbara is currently employed at MACAA (Monticello Area Community Action Agency) Head Start as the administrative service manager. She is a member and solo vocalist at Faith Christian Center International, a non-denominational church in Charlottesville. Barbara is married to Donald D. Smith. They have two children, an adult son - Michael G. Waltons-Smith and Quinton D. Smith ("Sweet Pea"). Barbara is the daughter of Glen Kelley, Elba and Ernestine Kelley in Elba. She is the granddaughter of Nannie Kelley, Elba and the late Buford Kelley and Elba Lindsey Belcher, Elba and the late Grover Belcher, Sr. Barbara is an African American young lady who demonstrates humbleness and Advocate Social Justice and Equality.

***AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: Question: How many people participated in the March on Washington, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1963? Answer: 259,000. Question: Who was the first African American to travel in space? Answer: Guion Bluford, aboard the Challenger as a Mission specialist in 1983. Question: How many songs did Duke Ellington Compose during his lifetime? Answer: More than a thousand. Today is a good day! Be grateful.

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe to hold meeting September 11th

There will be a Tribal Meeting for all members of the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama General Membership. Date: Sunday, September 11, 2005 Time: 2:00 P. M. CST Place: Coffee County Farm Center Community Room U. S. East - New Brockton, Alabama 36551. Information: Contact Chief James Wright (334)449-0607 or email machislowercreekindiantribe@yahoo.com

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Views From... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The nest is far from empty and hopefully won't be for quite some time, but the house is a little more quiet and missing one of its residents since we moved Melissa into an apartment at college last week. I know going off to school is something every parent lives through and it is good for the children to get out on their own and experience life away from Mom and Dad. However, after having one of your daughters live in the house with you for over 22 years I can't see me not feeling a void in my home life any time soon.

ELBA TIGERS KEEP WINNING STREAK ALIVE AT MILLER WITH BIG WIN OVER ARITON

The Elba Tigers made it five straight preseason wins at Miller Memorial Stadium last week with a 26-3 win over Arton in the annual Foggy Bottom Classic and the Tigers once again proved they could score from anywhere on the field at any time as two of their four scores came on runs of 88 and 48 yards and another came on a 55-yard pass. The Elbas offense seemed a little out of sync for most of the night and at times struggled both running and passing and the Arton defense, while at other times it had big plays wiped out by penalties that nullified 112 yards in gains. Scoring 26 points in three quarters of play isn't bad and I will admit we are all probably a little spoiled. However, the Tigers did make more than their share of mistakes and it was clear to see they were a long way from being in top form. The defense held Arton to only three points and played a lot of players throughout the game, but gave up over five yards a carry on the ground and had some problems in the secondary. While the defense played hard and did pass some big kicks, it too showed a few weaknesses that must be addressed. The preseason game is held each year to raise funds for the athletic department, but more importantly for the coaches the game gives them a chance to see a lot of players in real game action and see just where they need to work before the regular season kicks off. From that standpoint the annual game is one that everyone looks forward to and should be around for many years to come.

AREA GRID TEAMS GET READY FOR SEASON OPENERS IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS

The last week before the actual start of the season means different things for different coaches and teams, and that is certainly true locally where two of the four teams in the area took part in preseason contests. Here is a look at the area teams as the kickoff draws near...

*** Kinston hosted Zion Chapel and Providence in a three team jamboree and it was a win-win situation for all three teams involved as the teams combined talents to play three quarters of football. The Bulldogs scored twice on offense and showed they had some speed and were much improved on defense, while Zion Chapel also scored twice and overcame a case of fumbles late in the jamboree to make a solid showing on both sides of the ball. These two cross-county rivals don't meet until the ninth week of the season, and by then no one will remember what happened on that hot night way back in August. Yep, this jamboree did both teams good and was a winner.

*** New Brockton didn't play in a preseason game, but the Gamecocks worked hard all week long and every day the Gamecocks fans seem more convinced that this is going to be a special season. With loads of talent returning and a group of young men dedicated to being their best, it looks like it could very well be the year the Gamecocks grow some feathers.

*** Brantley also sat out the preseason action and many of the Bulldogs made the ride down to Elba to see their opening week opponent as well as the region foe Arton compete in a three quarter contest. The Bulldogs are loaded again and talking about a state title. So, the extra week of work may make the Bulldogs even hungrier than usual when they hit the field Friday night for their opener.

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AUSTIN SMITH - AN ATHLETE DYING MUCH TOO YOUNG...

The problems of every day life and fears of conflicts around the world all seemed very unimportant last week when word came that Austin Smith had been killed in an automobile wreck near his home.

Smith, only 18-years of age, had begun a new phase in his young life earlier that fateful day when he attended his first day at college and was excited when he spoke with friends of college, baseball and the beginning of the high school football season. The day went from joy to agony in only a matter of hours with his fatal accident, and once again he died painfully aware to all of just how precious life really is. Austin was a young man that was loved by countless youth and adults across South Alabama, and was a young man that had no fear of failure and loved to compete in sports and in the classroom while at Zion Chapel High School. He was often overlooked when trophies were passed out after athletic events and rarely grabbed the headlines. However, when one would stop and read about a game they would always see his name as one that made a big play that played a major role in the team's success. He was an unsung hero, a stricken athlete because he died without the taste of defeat and died a champion. Austin Smith was a champion in life and will always be a champion. The line that states "Today, the road all runners come, Shoulder high we bring you home, And set you at your threshold down, Townsman of a stiller town. Smart lad, to slip betimes away. From fields where play does not stay, And early through the laurel grow. It withers quicker than the rose. Eyes the shady night has shut Cannot see the record cut, And silence sounds no worse than cheers After earth has stopped the ears; Now you will not swell the rout of lads that wear their honors out. Runners whom renown outran And the name died before the man. So set, before its echos fade, The feet upon the hill of shade. And hold to the low lintel up The cruel-defied challenge cup. And round that early-laureled dead Will hark to gaze the strengthless dead, And find unmythured on its curls The garland brifer than a girls."

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Elba Tigers ready to kick off '05 season Friday night against Brantley Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will kick off the 2005 football season Friday night when they host the Brantley Bulldogs on Mack Wood Field at Elba's Tiger Stadium, and second year Tiger head coach Scott Rials is convinced his team will be ready to go for their season opener.

"We have worked hard throughout the summer and worked some of the kinks out last week in the preseason game against Ardon," said Coach Rials, "and I am convinced this team is ready to open the season and am confident it can compete and win against one of the best teams in the state. We have played in Brantley the past two seasons and lost both games, but the last time Brantley came here we posted a win, and our players are determined to protect their home turf and open the season with a big win. It will take the best we have got on both sides of the ball and in the kicking game and it will take forty-eight minutes of dedication. However, no one but the coaches and players think we have a chance and a win Friday night would give us a shot in the arm and let everyone know the Elba Tigers are back and are ready to win."

Elba traveled to Brantley last season and came out on the short end of a 47-26 shootout, but with all its backs and receivers returning, the Tigers are convinced this year they can put enough points on the scoreboard to leave the field with a win. Senior quarterback Brandon Kelley is back to guide the Tiger attack and possesses all the skills needed to lead the team on the ground and through the air. Last season, his first at quarterback, all Kelley did was rush for over 500 yards and seven touchdowns and throw for over 1,500 yards and 14 touchdowns. Also back with Kelley in the backfield is halfback Kikko Logan, who rushed for over 1,100 yards and scored 14 touchdowns, while the receiving corp also returns led by the trio of Mason Gulley, LaRay Williams and Reymar Rogers. Gulley led the team a year ago with 28 receptions for 738 yards and seven touchdowns, while Williams hauled in 29 receptions for almost 500 yards and 3 touchdowns and Rogers was the Tigers' go-to receiver in key third down situations.

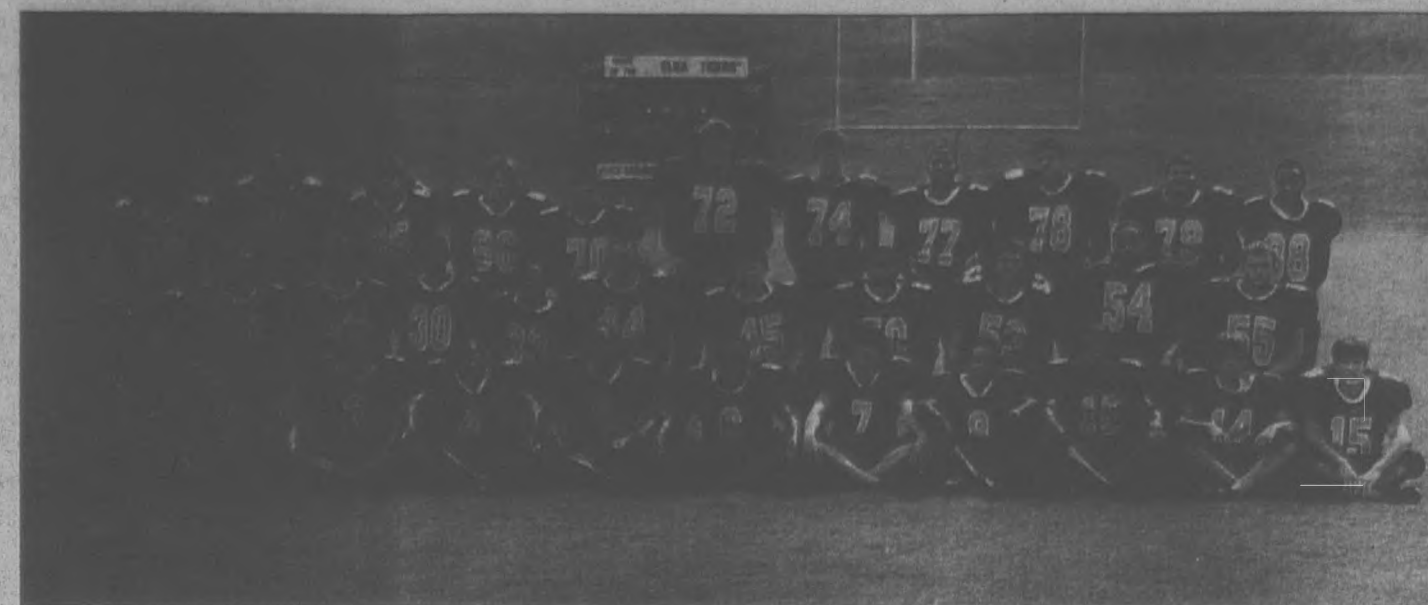
"We weren't able to spread the field as much as we wanted last season due to the fact the players only had a few weeks to learn our system," added Rials, "and late in the season we went more to a power running game to try and cut down on turnovers. We have now been together over a year and the players all know our system and know what we can do when we make our reads and make the plays. We want to spread the field and put points on the scoreboard every time we get the ball, and to do that we will take advantage of what the defense gives us. If they give us the run we will line up and run the football forty or fifty times in a game, and if they give us some past routes we may throw it forty or fifty times. Our offense isn't dependent on any one thing and we are convinced we can be successful both running and passing. When we can run the ball it helps open up the passing game, and when we have success passing it opens up the running game. If we can be successful doing both we should be able to score some points and have an exciting offensive football team."

The Elba defense struggled last season and allowed over 28 points a game and with four of the team's leading five tacklers gone due to graduation the defense will once again be a source of concern.

"We got better on defense late in the season," said Coach Rials, "and have spent a lot of time on that side of the ball in preseason work. Coach Marty Marler is heading up the defense this season and has installed a very basic scheme that should be easy to learn and be effective at the same time. We are going to play a lot of players on defense and try to get some folks a rest, but we will have a lot of players playing both offense and defense in certain situations and will try and have our best eleven on the field when the game is on the line. We have some strong, but young guys up front in the line, and should get better as we go, while the linebackers and secondary should be solid. We expect to be much improved on defense this season, and also expect to get better as we go."

Linebacker Trey Davis was the team's third leading tackler last season with returns at that position, while others expected to help handle the load on the defensive side of the ball include tackles Ryan McCollough (250) and Lamar Ware (275) and defensive ends Chase Boutwell (175) and Kikko Logan (205).

"We know that everyone in Elba lives for football and that they are hungry for a winner," added Rials. "This team believes in itself, works hard



2005 Elba Tigers



ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF... (Kneeling, l-r) Scott Rials, Head Coach (Standing, l-r) Tim Brown, Marty Marler, Wynn Grimes, Glenn Johnson and David Collins.



ELBA TIGER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS... (Sitting, l-r) Lauren McClung, Melanie Mularz, Whitney Anderson, Tori Brooks, Kendall Stinson, (Standing, l-r) Meagan Anderson, Leanna Henderson, Christina Bryant, Haley Stinson and Shawnda Whitfield.



ELBA TIGER SENIORS... (Front row, l-r) Hunter McGuire, Mason Gulley, Chase Boutwell, Trey Davis, Rell Kelley, Dustin Rhoades, (Standing, l-r) B.J. Ray, Lamar Ware, Lewis Johnson, Kikko Logan, Reymar Rogers, LaRay Williams and Brandon Kelley.

Mary pours the drinks,
but Jimmy built the stand.

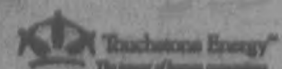
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Kinston opens at home

Zion Chapel-New Brockton clash highlights week one of area high school football action

The high school football season will kick off this week across the state and in the area the opening week's games will include a cross-county matchup between the Zion Chapel Rebels and the New Brockton Gamecocks and a battle of 1A vs. 4A when the Kinston Bulldogs host the Bullock County Hornets.

Following are previews of this week's area games:

ZION CHAPEL AT NEW BROCKTON

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to open the season with a bang Friday night when they travel across the county to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The Rebels overcame a slow start last season to post a 5-6 record and earned a berth in the playoffs, but were pounded 41-14 a year ago by the Gamecocks and will be out for revenge this week when they make the short trip over to Gamecock Stadium.

On offense the Rebels will be led by senior quarterback Abe Childs and an offensive line that returns all but one starter from a year ago. Leading the way up front will be D.J. Stinson (225).

Jerita Bush (240), Justin Thrash (170), Joey Sunday (270) and Stetson Petty (205), making the Rebels' offensive line one that should be the true strength of the team. Hunter Wise will step in at fullback and will try and fill the shoes of Charlie Hunt, who last season rushed for over 1,400 yards, and will have help from Joey Jones (180) and the strong passing arm of Childs.

On defense the Rebels have worked hard to make major improvements, and as on offense the team will look up front for its line to lead the way.

The Gamecocks missed the playoffs last season despite posting a 7-3 record and will enter the season looking to prove it is indeed a 2A playoff contender. New Brockton returns eight starters on both sides of the ball, including four offensive linemen and a trio of talented backs that could cause havoc for opposing defenses.

Leading the way up front will be Mark Windham (200), Adam Crosby (285), Heath Danford (200) and Justin Allums (260), while in the backfield the trio of Sheridan Foster (150), Junior Magwood (140) and Justin West (150) give the Gamecocks a stable of backs that insure a fresh

back always ready to handle the ball. Defense is always a source of pride at New Brockton and this year will be no different as the Gamecocks are loaded with experience and talent, led by linebackers Derrick Cook (160) and Foster, ends Josh Allums (200) and Windham and tackles Crosby and Allums.

Both teams appear to be solid in the line and will be determined to establish the run. So, the difference in the game could be the overall team speed of the Gamecocks against the passing arm of Rebel quarterback Abe Childs. This one should be a good one!

BULLOCK CO. AT KINSTON

The Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping to open the season with a much needed shot of confidence Friday night when they host the 4A Bullock County Hornets.

The Bulldogs struggled to a 1-9 record last season under first year head coach Larry Conney and let an early win slip away in a 32-26 loss to the Hornets in last year's season opener. Much of the Bulldogs' hopes on offense will depend on the play of returning quarterback Garret

Parker, who rolled up over 1,000 total yards a year ago, and the legs of junior running back Jonathan Edwards, who last week had an 81-yard touchdown run in a preseason jamboree. This season Kinston is also expected to be strong in the line, and will be led by Rob Sanders (240), David Davis (210) and Scott Jones (255). This combination of a veteran quarterback, a speedy halfback and a physical offensive line has everyone down in Kinston looking for better days on offense. Over on defense many of the same players will stay on the field, but the Bulldogs do have a good mix of experience and talent, and hope are high for an improved defensive unit.

Bullock County will depend on its overall team speed to create match-up problems for its opponents again this season and will be looking to open the season on a positive note before it gets into rugged region play. The Hornets will come to town looking for a win and will be the favorite. However, Kinston almost handed the Hornets a shocking loss a year ago and Friday night will be confident a win can happen.

At football jamboree

Kinston and Zion Chapel grab spotlight

Kinston High School hosted a preseason football jamboree Friday night that included junior high teams from Kinston, Zion Chapel, and Providence Christian, as well as the Providence Christian JV and the varsity teams from Kinston and Zion Chapel.

Following is a recap of the night's action:

JUNIOR HIGH

The Providence offense took the field first for eight plays against the Zion Chapel defense and moved the ball a total of 24 yards thanks to a pair of Rebel penalties. Keeghan Thompson gained 15 yards on 3 carries to lead Providence, while on defense Zion Chapel was led by Dustin Wood.

The Kinston offense competed against the Providence defense in the second contest and moved the chains once before losing possession on a fumble. Aaron Rachel gained 18 yards on 3 carries to lead the Rebel offense.

The Zion Chapel offense opposed the Kinston defense in the third contest and the Rebels overcame two fumbles to get the crowd excited. The big play for the Rebels was a 40-yard pass from Gatlin Carley to Dustin Wood, while on defense the Bulldogs were led by Christopher Crosby and Ludger Boswell.

The Zion Chapel offense stayed on the field to challenge the Providence defense and marched 53 yards before being knocked back. The Rebel running game was led by Matt Brunson with two carries for 22 yards, while Gatlin Carley completed one pass for 25 yards.

The Providence offense hit the field to oppose the Kinston

drive by reaching paydirt. The Rebels marched 65 yards behind the running and passing of Abe Childs to score with only .03 left on the clock. Childs gained 13 yards on one carry during the scoring march, while through the air he connected on 3 of 5 passes for 37 yards, with the touchdown coming on a 12-yard pass to Todd Grant.

The second quarter of varsity play saw Providence battle the Kinston offense and the Zion Chapel defense, and the Coffee County teams combined to throw a 6-0 shutout on their visit from Houston County.

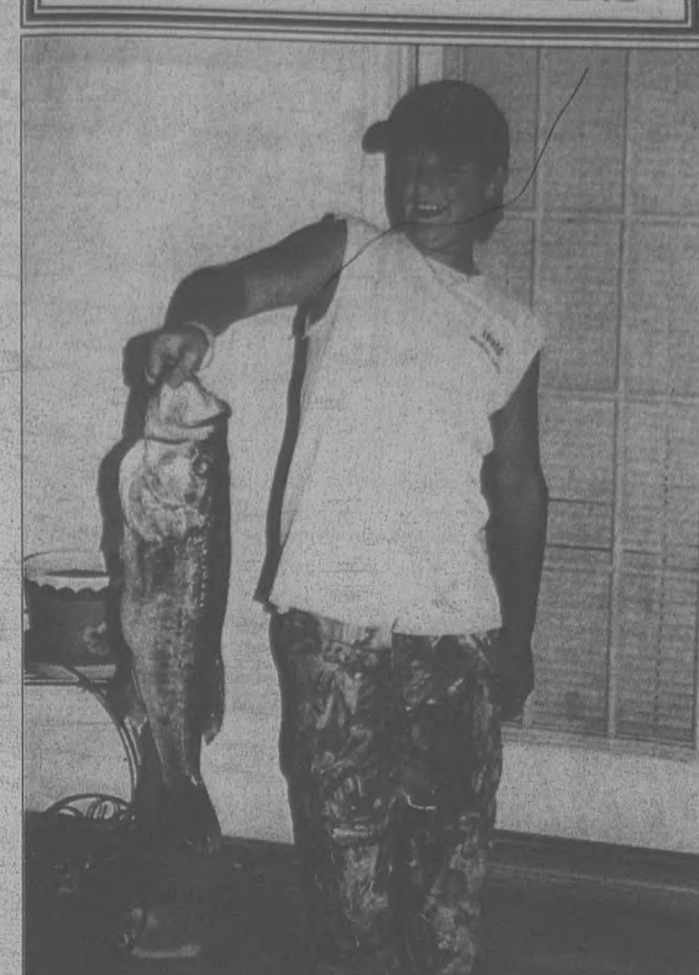
Both offenses moved the chains only once on their initial possessions, but the Kinston offense returned to the field at the Providence 31-yardline after a fumble recovery by Zion Chapel's Todd Grant and this time the Bulldogs quickly reached paydirt. Robert Yates had a 21-yard sprint to highlight the short scoring drive, while Jonathan Edwards added 12 yards on 3 carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard

plunge with :52 remaining on the clock.

The night's final quarter of play saw Zion Chapel going up against the Providence offense and the Kinston defense and the Rebels scored with :54 remaining on the clock to post a 7-0 victory.

The defenses ruled the action early on as Zion Chapel's Jacob L'Age and Kinston's Aaron Jacobs and Garret Parker all made fumble recoveries. The Rebel offense finally found the handle on the football on their third possession and this time they drove 50 yards in eight plays to reach the endzone. Abe Childs had a big 12-yard pass completion to Byron McWaters during the scoring drive, while most of the work for the Rebels came on the ground as Hunter Wise gained 30 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 9-yard dash. Logan Carley kicked the extra-point and with :54 left on the scoreboard Zion Chapel was ahead for good at 7-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTDOORS



GUNNAR MCCOLLOUGH... caught this 6 and 1/2 pound bass while fishing recently in a water hole.



MICHAEL SPURLIN & DYLAN MCCOLLOUGH show off an 11 and 1/2 pound catfish caught recently in a private pond.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Spoons are still fish catchers

Every school boy or girl who loves to fish is often confronted with the fact that he or she doesn't quite have enough money to buy all the pricey lures that they would like to add to their tackle box collection. I can well remember how buying a \$1.50 plug back in the early 1960's could wipe out my weekly spending money. The alternative to high priced baits was the less expensive baits.

Plastic worms were inexpensive enough, but when I wanted to fish something with a little more action I was often stumped until I bought a red and white spoon with treble hooks.

An afternoon at the county lake produced a nice string of bass on my little inexpensive bait. My grandmother loved fish, not catching them but eating them. Catch and release was a ludicrous activity as far as she was concerned. As long as I would bring her a couple of bass to eat, she would buy me new spoons to replace the ones I lost during hang-ups.

I soon learned that the silver and gold spoon worked well also. At the time I had no earthly idea why a fish would hit something that looked like what had been hacked sawed from an eating utensil. I later read in a magazine that the sideways wobble of a flashing spoon looked like a smaller fish to a bass.

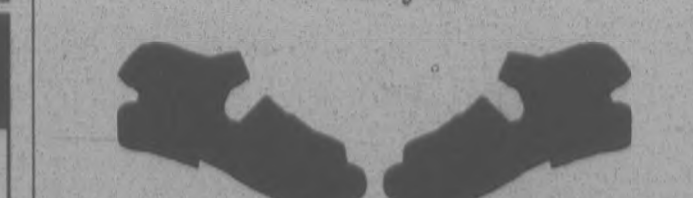
A little experimentation with the spoon taught me that the key to spoon fishing success is the action it has on the fall. Spoons should flutter down when dropped, and they should be fished the same way-drop the spoon down to the bottom, reel up a couple of times, then lift the spoon up by raising the rod. Let it flutter back down by lowering the rod at the same rate that the spoon falls.

Spoons are still inexpensive when compared to the price of some baits. They come in a larger selection of colors and weights than they did when I began fishing them. I have also had good luck with chartreuse with a red streak down the side. Add a trailer of real or imitation pork rind, and you have a highly effective, inexpensive bait.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



ELBA'S CASEY MEDLOCK (center) was crowned Saturday, Aug. 13, as the new Coffee County Junior Miss. Medlock, a senior at Elba High School, was awarded \$4,000 in cash tuition scholarships during the event. She earned a \$3,000 cash scholarship in winning the title of Coffee County Jr. Miss, a \$700 cash scholarship for the preliminary award in scholastics and a \$300 cash scholarship for the preliminary award in poise. Casey is the daughter of Pete and Eva Medlock of Elba. Six high school seniors participated in this year's program, and more than \$7,000 in cash tuition scholarships was awarded. Jackie Parks (left) was named first alternate while Lindsay Carter (right) was named second alternate.

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the escape clause because the felt "it is good business" in that other organizations include

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working on the remains of the two houses just off the Troy Highway. They mostly do this type work on Fridays, according to Grantham.

Grimes reported that health insurance for employees will increase about 5% next year. This is the increase to employees for their personal and family coverage. The total cost to employees will be about \$962 per month, according to the Mayor. The increase for Water and Electric employees will be the same 5% and will total \$376 a month. Benefits will remain the same for both departments.

such clauses in agreements. Coffee County extension office coordinator, Stan Windham addressed also addressed commissioners Monday morning, and he was very complimentary of the commission for its dedication to providing good facilities.

Windham said the county hosted a big cattle show last weekend with people from across four states in attendance. He said he was impressed with the compliments people gave regarding the facilities, and he wanted to thank the commissioners for the good management they provide.

Windham also introduced one of three regional employees housed in Coffee County. He said Amy Winstead is the regional horticulturist, and the Coffee County extension office is happy to have her housed in

New Brockton.

Commissioner Brooks congratulated the county engineer and his department on the recent awarding of additional funds from the state. He said Coffee County and Houston County were the only two counties in the state to receive these funds. Both counties received \$200,000.

During the meeting commissioners also approved a bid for filter blanket. The low bidder, Construction Material, Inc. of Montgomery, got the nod at 63 cents per square yard with delivery within three days of placing the order.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Sept. 12, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

GRIDIRON PRIDE

CHAPTER ONE

by Linda M. Hodge

For lack of a better way to describe it, Tad Winston had been sulking the entire drive to Dalton City. He had said no more than necessary to his dad since the moment they left their driveway back in Chicago.

Regardless of what anyone said, Tad was convinced he had every reason in the world to be mad. After all, he was leaving the only home he had ever known and now would be stuck in some small town hole.

"Won't be long now," David Winston said as he broke the silence with his son. "There's just something special about coming home."

"Maybe for you," Tad interrupted.

"I know, you're not happy about leaving Chicago, son, but it was the best decision for both of us."

"So you say."

"I do say. Need I remind you of the reasons?"

David hated having his son mad, but it was a decision that had to be made. Raising Tad had been David's job for years now. Tad's mom, Julie, left when he was still very young making it clear she didn't want any connection with either of them.

For the most part, the father-son duo managed real well, but Tad was getting older now, 16, and it had become difficult for David to keep Tad away from the temptations of the world, especially in a big city like Chicago. After long consideration, he decided the best option for his son would be to take him away from that atmosphere and try the slower pace of the South.

"Once we get settled, I'm sure you'll find Dalton City to be more inviting than you might imagine," David again broke the silence. "It will be different at first, but give it a chance. I know you'll fit in just fine."

Tad was holding strong to his silence and said nothing.

"By the way, I spoke with Coach Andrews before we left," David continued, acting as if he did not notice the silent treatment. "He said you'll be a bit behind in summer training, but he's looking forward to having you on the team."

David and Mitch Andrews had been friends for life. Growing up in Dalton City, they lived

only a short distance from one another and had played football together from their midget days in the local youth football league all the way through high school.

Mitch was a shining star on the football field and always knew he wanted to be a coach. A few years back, he reached a career goal by being named the head football coach at Dalton City High School.

"When Coach Andrews and I were in high school, it was quite the honor to be a part of the Dalton City High School football team," David continued. "Everyone knew and respected the Ambassadors! Some of my fondest high school memories come from being a part of the team. We always wanted you to experience those feelings."

"I don't know why you keep on about this," Tad finally spoke. "I've agreed to play, but that doesn't mean I have to like it. It also doesn't mean I'm going to come away with some life altering experience professing my undying love for the game of football or how great it is to be an Ambassador."

"Again, Tad, I realize you're not happy about your options, but, if you'll remember, it is a part of the terms we agreed upon."

"I know. You don't have to keep reminding me."

"I wish that was the case, son, but you seem to keep forgetting why we decided to make so many changes."

"We've gone through this again and again. Dad. You win!"

"It's not about winning, Tad. It's about you. I know you think I'm trying to relive old memories through you, but that's just not the case. I really do think being a part of the team will be a good experience for you...if only you'll give it a chance."

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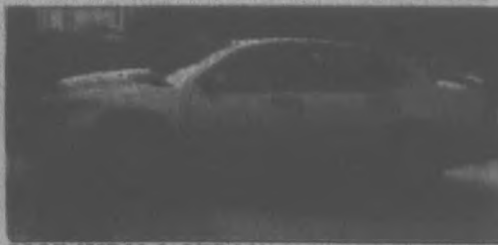
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